

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-13 and 15-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-13, 15, 16, 19 and 20 have been rejected.

Claims 6, 7, 17 and 18 have been objected to.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 11-13, 15, 16, and 18-20 have been amended.

Claims 6 and 17 have been cancelled.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 4-5, 8-13, 15-16 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication listing Suzuki as the inventor ("Suzuki"). Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 11, 12, and 13 to include features substantially similar to those recited in claims 6-7 and 17-18, which were indicated as allowable in the Office Action dated November 30, 2007. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 11, 12, and 13 are allowable. Applicants also submit that dependent claims 4, 5, 7-10, 15, 16, and 18-20 are similarly allowable, at least by virtue of depending from allowable base claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5092.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

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